

Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee
Thursday, February 12, 2009

Chair Farrell and Vice Chair Jeskewitz called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Flor Gonzalez, Joe Vitale, Peter Geiss, and Supervisors Janel Brandtjen, and Jim Jeskewitz. **Absent:** Supervisor Duane Paulson and Citizen Members Michael O'Brien, and JoAnn Weidmann.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Jim Jeskewitz (Vice Chair), Kathleen Cummings, Janel Brandtjen, and Pauline Jaske. **Absent:** Duane Paulson (Chair), Gilbert Yerke, and Bill Zaborowski.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Ann Olson, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Nutrition Services Supervisor Mary Smith, Public Health Supervisor Irene Ridgeman, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Pete Slesar, Juvenile Center Coordinator Mike Sturdevant, Parks & Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Environmental Health Manager Steve Korthof, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Barbara Price of Hartfel House and Marie Bub of the Children's Community Center. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 9-11-08, 10-16-08 and 1-29-09

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Gonzalez to approve the minutes of 9-11-08, 10-16-08, and 1-29-09. Vitale asked that an amendment be made to the minutes of 9-11-08. Motion carried 6-0 as amended.

Announcements

Farrell welcomed everyone in attendance to the Menomonee Falls Community Center and he thanked Smith for the wonderful lunch. Farrell said the center is a great example of intergovernmental cooperation involving the school district, Waukesha County, WCTC, and the Village of Menomonee Falls. Smith briefly explained the senior meal programs: the senior dining centers located throughout the county and home delivered meals. Smith said in 2030 more than 27% of Wisconsin citizens will be over the age of 65 and in 2010 Waukesha County will have about 75,200 citizens over the age of 60.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Vitale to approve attendance for any board members wanting to attend the National Public Health Performance Standards Assessment on April 7 at WCTC. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 9-11-08, 10-16-08 and 1-29-09

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Brandtjen to approve the minutes of 9-11-08, 10-16-08, and 1-29-09. Cummings asked that an amendment be made to the minutes of 9-11-08. Motion carried 4-0 as amended.

Executive Committee Report of 2-2-09

Olson advised of the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting.

- Bill Mitchell of WCEDC talked about the Waukesha County Economic Development Corporation and how they will focus more on sustainable business practices and bigger businesses mentoring smaller businesses.
- Community Development Coordinator Glen Lewinski gave an update on CDBG and HOME grant funded programming.
- Staff from the Federated Library System spoke about double-digit increase in circulation at all of the system's libraries due to the economy.
- UW-Extension staff gave an update on the Drug Free Community Grant, and the Juvenile Diversion Program, another grant staff are working on.

Announcements

Jaske said she visited with legislators at the recent Business Day in Madison seminar. Democratic state legislators are looking to cut shared revenues by at least 5% to help balance the budget.

Brandtjen said there will be a luncheon on March 25 at 11:30 a.m. at Davian's Restaurant in Menomonee Falls. Bill Mitchell of WCEDC will discuss economic development opportunities in Waukesha County including Butler and Menomonee Falls. Invitations will be forthcoming although everyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Brandtjen to approve attendance for any committee members wanting to attend the National Public Health Performance Standards Assessment on April 7 at WCTC. Motion carried 4-0.

Combined Agenda Items

Public Health Governance Essential Service #4

Ridgeman distributed information on Essential Service #4 and said it is verbatim from the CDC and it pertains to oversight for constituency development and partnership building. The governing body (the H&HS Board) is responsible for creating a supportive environment that ensures traditional and non-traditional partnerships are nurtured in order to draw on the full range of potential human and material resources in the cause of community health. To accomplish this, the governing body assesses and facilitates access to resources for constituency development and partnership building activities. It is then important to establish and oversee the implementation of policies to support these goals. The governing body encourages constituency development and partnership building and reviews these activities and provides relevant feedback to its constituents and the community at large. Ridgeman referred to the State Statutes as it pertains to this particular performance standard.

Ridgeman gave examples of what the board is doing to achieve this and she advised of public health partners in Waukesha County. The Health & Human Services Board provides oversight of priority community services to control communicable and chronic disease. The Health & Human Services Committee provides oversight of the public health budget to meet public protection needs. Community public health partners include the Waukesha Health Council, Hispanic Coalition,

Waukesha County Immunization Coalition, Waukesha County Local Emergency Planning Committee, and others.

Public Health Update

Ridgeman said a national strategic stockpile exercise will be held at the Expo Center on July 7 and relates to giving anti-virals to first responders. They are just starting to plan for this exercise and a total of 14 health departments will be involved.

She advised they currently have a full complement of staff right now, the first in quite some time, as there had been a lot of vacancies.

Ridgeman noted that referrals in January were very stable – not much different than last year and nothing out of the ordinary.

She indicated they are now using the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) which reports communicable diseases to the Public Health Division in real time. The idea is to identify, assess, control, and contain as quickly as possible. Maurer noted that while the system was mandated by the State, it has some real value.

Discussion of Pursuing U.S. Dept of Education Grant Funding for Physical Education Equipment for the Juvenile Center

Slesar said they are interested in pursuing grant funds for new stationary bikes at the Juvenile Center. The current bikes were purchased in 1995. They are worn out and in various stages of disrepair. Sturdevant said they are requesting to apply for \$2,880 in federal Carol M. White Physical Education Program funds. The County would be required to spend \$320 of its equipment replacement budget to bring the total cost of the project to \$3,200. The indoor recreation area is very limited and the bikes provide the only available means for cardio-vascular exercise.

Brandtjen referred to success rates and said when they submit the application, they should include some sort of statement – the reason they are doing this. She did not think the department highlights their success rates as often they should to the public. Sturdevant spoke of the center's good record in terms of licensing. He said the licensers have held our County up as an exemplary agency because they don't often see centers that pass everything. This grant/project is just one more way to reinforce our record.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Brandtjen to support the grant application on behalf of the board. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Jaske to support the grant application on behalf of the committee. Motion carried 4-0.

Human Health Hazard MOU Update

Shaver and Korthof were present to discuss this issue as outlined in various handouts. Shaver noted this item was discussed at the last meeting and this is a follow-up. Schuler had asked committee and board members to submit their questions in advance for today's meeting.

Shaver said Weidmann had asked about the triage process and when they get involved in an investigation. Shaver, at the last meeting, advised they look for medical documentation. Weidmann had asked if they wait for medical documentation, do they wait too long. Korthof advised that 90% of indoor air complaints are mold related. Symptoms can vary from mild, common ailments to severe. The State says evaluating mold requires both a medical diagnosis and an environmental assessment. It is very important for staff to have the proper documentation/evidence.

Korthof noted mold related instances occur most often in rental situations. Shaver said once a premises is investigated it may involve mold identification and a corrective action plan that would come back to the building owner. If it's a severe case, Korthof can deem it a human health hazard and they can order abatement, etc. Shaver referred to the landowner/tenant laws as outlined in the State Statutes.

Korthof referred to his handout outlining various questions and answers. Korthof said during the last license year, 1,544 licenses were issued, they responded to complaints of foodborne illness 56 times, there were 211 new or change of operator establishments, 342 follow-up inspections, 106 responses to complaints, 1,327 unannounced inspections, and staff provided information, education, training, and consultations to establishments 593 times. Korthof noted that staff spend quite a bit of time with new operators and new establishments to make sure they start off on the right foot. Scheduling of inspections are done following a list of priorities. Those establishments that pose very little risk may not get inspected each year if there are time constraints but their goal is to inspect every one each year.

Jaske asked how many staff members do inspections whereby Korthof said seven.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Brandtjen to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:38 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Geiss to adjourn the board meeting at 2:38 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Tour of the Harf el House

Price led the committee and board on a tour of the Hartfel House on Christman Road in Menomonee Falls, a community-based residential facility for the developmentally disabled.

Tour of the Birth to Three Program

Bub led the committee and board on a tour of the Birth to Three Program facility located at the Children's Community Center on Christman Road in Menomonee Falls.

Minutes recorded by Mary Pedersen

Approved on _____
Date